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TARONGA ZOO

Green Options in keeping with their environmental policy has formed a very exciting partnership with the Taronga Zoo in Sydney.

The partnership will involve a close working relationship between Green Options and the Zoo where as a company we will source multiple food types for the animals from our many different and varied sites. Then arrange with the Zoo to show them over each site and then collect the suitable food for the different animals.

Our first site was Kincoppal - Rose Bay where the Zoo staff were amazed at the amount of possibilities and the size of a site like Kincoppal. At Kincoppal there is a large number of well established trees - such as African Olive. These

are used to feed primates and the team from the Zoo is always looking for food sources for the animals.

Upon inspection of the site they were even more excited after walking from New South Head Road down to the Harbour as they had no idea what a great resource it will be for them. They organized straight away to remove a



Bamboo @ KRB

large clump of bamboo to feed the Red Pandas. It's a great result for everyone. At no cost to the school they get environmental weeds removed, which will save them considerably. The Zoo has access to a new supply of food for the animals which they will be able to use for some time, and importantly they don't have to travel too far for.

The students themselves are already excited about the prospect of being able to say they help feed the animals at the Zoo.



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NEWS

This year we reached the final of the NSW and ACT Small Business Champion Awards for Trades and Services. This award is proudly sponsored by The Commonwealth Bank and the Australian Government Department of Industry.

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COUNTRY NEW SOUTH WALES

Green Options in conjunction with Cricket New South Wales has made a real commitment to Cricket in Regional venues.

Green Options has been asked to visit many country areas to offer advice, complete works and run seminars for outlying areas that don't have the opportunities to attend conferences in major cities for all their curators.

We recently ran a Seminar for curators in Tamworth prior to the Country cricket championships on Cricket Wicket and Outfield Renovation, Maintenance and Preparation. This seminar was well

attended by the cricket wicket curators of the region and a full day flew past under a barrage of



Cricket House Tamworth

questions and discussions on sports fields. The knowledge of the guys in the area was strong which created a great environment where I think everyone went away better for

the day myself included. Some of the other projects include:

- Young for wicket construction.
- Wollongong for the preparation of the venue for the One Day Ford Ranger Cup Game NSW vs SA (see below).
- Preparation of venues for State League fixtures in Albion Park.
- Cricket Wicket Consultation at The Entrance on the Central Coast.

NORTH DALTON PARK

Green Options were involved in the venue preparation for the One Day Ford Ranger Cup Game NSW vs SA.

It is important for First Class Cricket to be seen in the country areas to promote the game and Wollongong was no ex-

ception with the town getting right behind the event.



Unfortunately the torrential storms won out in the end.

SPORTS FIELD CONSTRUCTION

Green Options do major reconstructions all over the state and recently completed an interesting one for City of Sydney Council. This was not your normal reconstruction with a deadline that was set to challenge us. The last games of winter sport were played early September so the goal was set to have the wicket playable for the first game of cricket on Saturday December 1. With this in mind we hoped that all factors were on our side and 2 weeks in

to the project you would have thought that someone was conspiring against us with the rain tumbling down and an Oberon wicket soil shortage in Sydney. Once the wicket table dried enough to excavate the old material, we were a few-weeks behind schedule but with great help from Jeff Duncum and the guys at City Of Sydney we got the trucks rolling in. The old wicket soil was rotary hoed and removed off site and a sub base created

before fresh Oberon wicket soil was bought in and consolidated in layers, and laser levelled in preparation for returfing with Washed Legend Couch.



GREENKEEPING

Our teams of highly qualified Greenkeepers have had their work cut out lately with preparation of fields for numerous sporting events. A few of the different bookings have included: Wallabies fan day down at Manly Oval which was a great success with thousands of fans turning up and the day running smoothly.

The Wallabies, Kangaroos, State of Origin and Super 14 teams plus visiting touring teams all training on Coogee Oval at various times of the season. We even had Australia A and The Sydney Swans train at Cranbrook School when they couldn't get on any other grounds due to the wet weather.



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EQUESTRIAN SHOW

Just when you thought we had heard it all a request came in for an Australian Champion Equestrian Horse to do show jumping at Cranbrook School.

But as with all other requests we looked at the solution not the problem and came up with a suitable

course to show the students some high quality show jumping within the school grounds.

An experience like this allowed all students a chance to be exposed to something they would not normally have had the opportunity to see in the Eastern Suburbs.



EQUESTRIAN @ Cranbrook

DOMESTIC HORTICULTURE



Since our last newsletter it has seen a marked increase in the

amount of garden renovations on the domestic maintenance side. The maintenance division of Green Options focuses on the after care of completed landscaping projects, one off garden

care as well as ongoing residential or commercial garden care. Each season brings with its own unique challenges.



As our existing clients' gardens improve season after

season, we work hard to bring it to maturity by consultation, ongoing horticultural practices and by keeping up with new developments on the gardening front. We all know that this is a never-ending process, but it is really rewarding!



LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION

The landscaping boys have been honing their skills on a variety of hard scaping projects. One of interest was at Darling Point. This project involved some interesting challenges ranging from difficult access to programming our works to fit in with the builder and other subcontractors but still finishing our work on time every time. This landscape

included the construction of sandstone walls and steps as well as the creation of retaining walls to retain a lawn area, a barbeque area, and new plantings all with the Harbour Bridge as a backdrop. Another very rewarding project was undertaken at Vaucluse Primary School in the form of a Reconciliation Garden and the results were

very pleasing we hope the children are enjoying their new area.



Much of the sandstone used during construction was recycled from the old landscape.

COMMERCIAL HORTICULTURE

In Horticultural terms the last few months has been incredibly exciting with some heavy rain filling our dams. As a company we have grown with contracts at Schools, Councils, Hospitals and Commercial interests now thriving under our programming.

In the schools a great endeavour for each school has been the tree planting programmes where we sourced about 40 native plants for Kambala for Schools National Tree Day. Over the last few years we have helped them plant about 150 native shrubs on the

bank that surrounds the oval. They are starting to get well established and are going to look fantastic over the coming years. They also had a Wollemi Pine donated.



Kambala on Schools National Tree Planting Day